

**SENATE GENERAL WELFARE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 1**

**Amendment No. 1 to SB2161**

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Signature of Sponsor**

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2161\***

**House Bill No. 2242**

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-502(j)(2)(E), is amended by adding the following as a new item (iv):

(iv) In lieu of compliance with the environment rating scales element of the program assessment for the mandatory child care agency report card system established in conformity with the provisions of subdivision (j)(2), a child care agency may elect to be accredited by a national accrediting agency approved by the commissioner of human services. The National Association for the Education of Young Children, the National Association of Family Child Care, and the National Early Childhood Education Program Accreditation are initially certified as child care accrediting agencies for purposes of this item. The department shall establish by rule the criteria for certification of additional child care accrediting agencies and procedures for decertification, for purposes of this item, of any child care accrediting agency. Child care agencies electing to maintain approved accreditation shall not be required to participate in the environmental rating scales element of program assessment in the report card system.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

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